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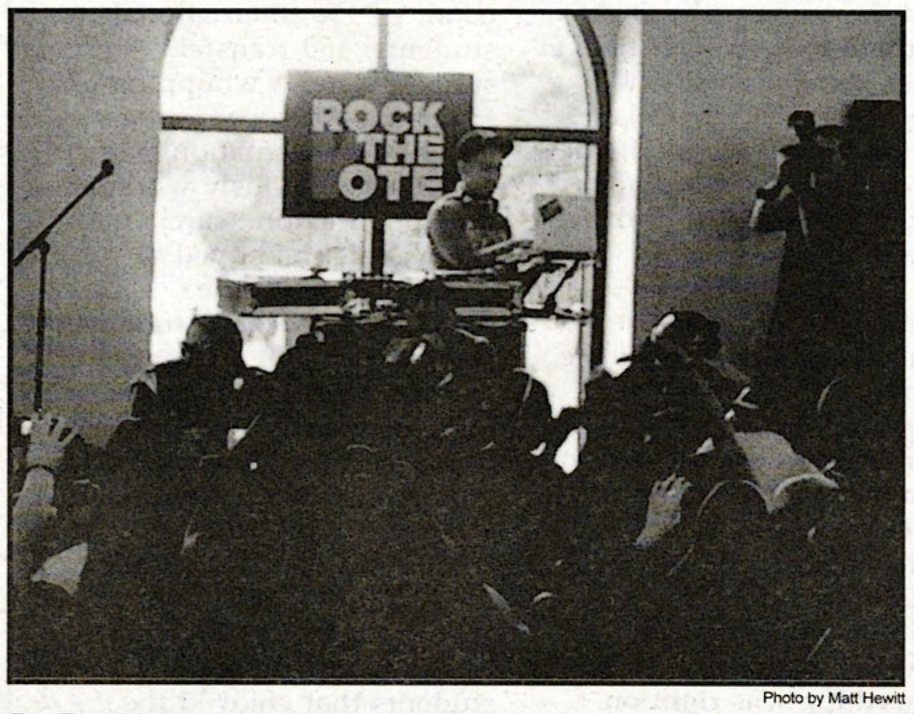
Rock the Vote rocks Saint Leo

By Matt Hewitt
Advertising Editor

For over twenty years, Rock the Vote, a non-partisan voter registration organization, has made its mission to get more young people involved in the political process. Since 2000, Rock the Vote has been using a bus tour equipped with the latest technology and high profile musical acts to do just that. On Tuesday, August 28th, the 2012 Rock the Vote bus tour began at Saint Leo University.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. tents filled with giveaways and plenty of information about how to get involved lined the outside of the Student Community Center. The Rock the Vote tour bus parked outside the cafeteria on the lakeside plaza, giving students the opportunity to climb on board and register to vote. One student that registered to vote on Tuesday, Junior Michael Callahan, spoke on the importance of young people getting involved and registering by saying, "The political process affects our generation more and more every year, and the best way to have our voices heard is to get involved."

A big reason students come out to Rock the Vote events is to see the musical acts that they bring. Originally planned to play outside, the two musical groups were forced inside the Student Community Center boardrooms because of on and off rain. The inclement weather, however, could not dampen the energy that filled the boardrooms. At 1:45 p.m. the first group came on stage, a musical duo by the name of Capital Cities, supported by a DJ from the local radio station, 93.3 FLZ. Immediately following the DJ came the world famous musical performance of the Far East Movement. They played a set of around eight songs, including their hit singles "Like a G6" and "Rocketeer". Both groups commented on the great energy the Saint Leo students brought, and stressed the importance of voting intermittently between songs.



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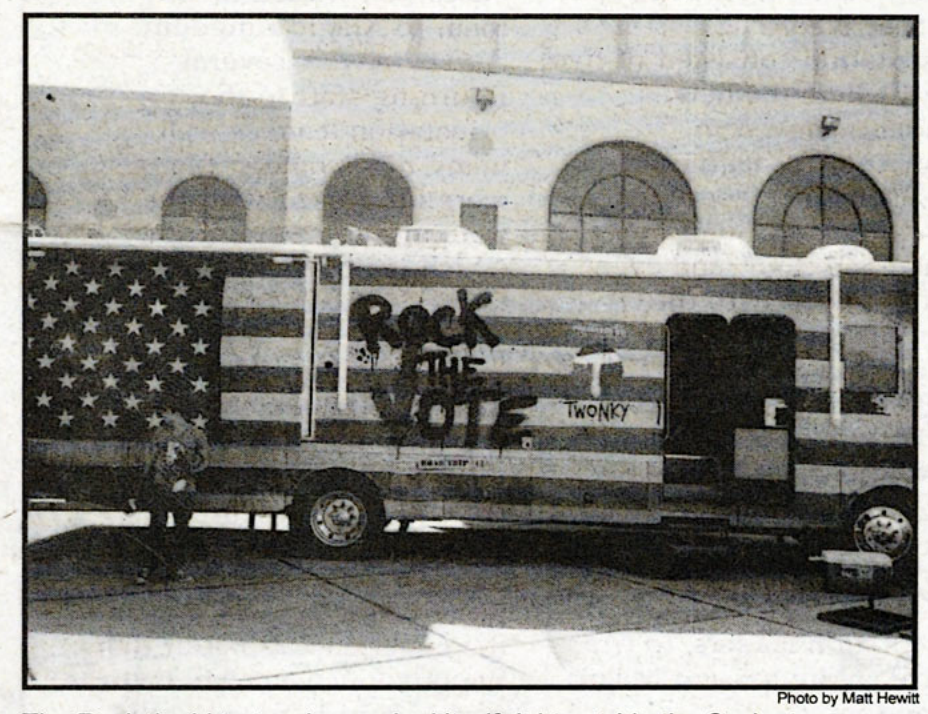
Far East Movement excites the crowd right before the chorus of their world-famous single "Like a G-6."



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The Rock the Vote tour bus parked itself right outside the Student Community Center and encouraged students to climb aboard and register to vote.

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The vocal talents of Capital Cities launched the musical festivities by playing songs such as their single, "Safe and Sound."

For more information on Rock the Vote, and registering for the upcoming presidential election, visit www.rockthevote.com.

Campus News

New student orientation, fall 2012

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

As the new year begins and the students begin to settle in to their lives here at Saint Leo University, we look back on the weekend before school where the new students were welcomed with open arms in to their new homes.

This year for New Student Orientation we had much preparation over the summer. First Year Experience director Jennifer Garcia and her Orientation Summer Staff: Bella Leitf, Nelson Blanco, Jodecia Parkins, Lauren Garcia, Kristina Lindner and volunteer Megan (Mel) Lingini, made sure that everything was right on track and planned out for when the new students and staff arrived. The Orientation consisted of five days where the new students moved in, matriculated, learned about the different departments on campus through our Fast University tour, and even got involved with the campus students for activities like Club Leo, laser tag, photo booths, and a little taste of the Campus Activities Board novelties. As tradition the new students were welcomed to join the Orientation Team, which consisted of 47 orientation leaders, to trips such as Muvico and Magic Kingdom.

Among the growing classes here at Saint Leo we were pleased to hear that we were joined by over 800 new students here on campus this year. There was a record count of 150 international students, 160 transfer students, and a whopping 675 freshman. This was a huge change for orientation staff who had previously worked for this function. Garcia had some goals she hoped to accomplish with the orientation; "...that students would come out to Saint Leo and feel welcome and part of the community. With the help of my student summer staff, volunteers, Orientation team and really the entire community I think we did that." There was a count of 360 new students for the Muvico trip and 600 new students that enjoyed the comforts of the 12 coach buses that waited to take them to Magic Kingdom.

There were several returning staff to the orientation team as well as many new comers. Many were impressed with the training they were given, which included working with Disney's Youth Education Series program in Epcot, as well as working with Saint Leo University staff to improve their improvisational skills and better their way of communicating with the students. "I've been an Orientation Leader for the past 3 years, and each year the experience is better than the previous year. My favorite part is getting to know the freshman and their backgrounds, and meeting people from all over the world, that come to Saint Leo University to further their education. As Orientation Leaders we become someone who the new students look up to, and being a leader on campus is truly a rewarding feeing", says DeAnna Dinatale, Senior and third time returning Orientation Leader. For newer orientation leaders like Conner Ellis, Junior, it was a great learning experience, "I have worked with Res Life on campus, so I get to see the new students often, but it was different to see the effort put in to orientation, and the fun that we had breaking the ice with the new students and helping them find their way."

Many of the students and family got to meet the staff on their first day of move in as the orientation leaders grabbed everyone's attention in the courtyard by dancing to The Wobble and encouraging everyone to join. Staff asked about orientation agreed it was a success and enjoyed getting to have a part of it. For anyone wishing to become an Orientation Leader in the future, you can get more information from Jennifer Garcia, First Year Experience, located in the Student Activities Building.

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Stand up and make a difference

By Nick Davis
Contributing Writer

It is almost time for elections. Are you ready to make a difference? Political advertisements, interviews, and speeches are being publicized in the favor of each candidate working to earn your trust, or more specifically your vote. But before you can think about who you believe can make a positive change, you must be registered in the state of Florida to vote.

For those who are not registered in the state of Florida to vote, there is a simple solution that will have you ready for November 4th, 2012. For those who are not yet registered to vote or students who are registered in a different state, absentee balloting is the option for you. Absentee balloting is available for citizens who aren't registered in the state of Florida to vote or for others who would prefer early voting.

Therefore a citizen doesn't have to necessarily be out of their state of residence to request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be acquired after a request has been made to an individual's

Supervisor of Elections in a number of ways. A request for an absentee ballot can be made in person, by telephone, through mail, and there are even websites that allow citizens to request aballot, such as www.AbsenteeBallots.com.

This site offers step by step instructions on how to request and fill out an absentee ballot form. Unlike a number of sites that offer information about absentee balloting, this site does not require the user to create an account to make a request.

However, Information such as the voter's name, address, birth date, and signature are all essential in the process. Ballots are to be given to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7pm on Election Day. Citizens who are native to Florida simply need to be registered to vote.

As a registered voter, when present at the election polls each state still has a specified list of documentation that is required to be presented before the individual is allowed to vote.Floridians who are registered to vote are asked to present their driver's license or, if this item isn't available, the citizen's social security card will suffice.

Voting is the one chance you have to truly make a change for your own nation. The direction in which this country takes is dependent on the thoughts of its citizens and this opportunity is not presented often. Every vote counts and every voice matters; seize this opportunity and make the trip to the poll booth on Election Day!

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What can the library do for you?

By Dakota Rios
Contributing Writer

The school year of 2012-2013 has just started and the papers and homework are already stacking up nicely. A good place to get those done and help with homework, research,and papers is the Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library on campus.

Now the library is not that indimidating—promise! It is very welcoming and relaxing place. They even have free coffee and couches as well as free caffinated beverages for those late night cram sesssions or those early not so early birds. The library has many different options and resources available to students, from books to technological support. Name it, and they have it.

Hopefully, we all know where the library is located (if not, look to the north of Saint Edward's Hall). To contact the library about questions or help there is a phone number and reference desk email which are both located on the school website: http://www.saintleo.edu/ academics/library. The website covers the majority of online help, research, blogging, and contact information. Available to you on the website is Leocat, eBooks, eReserve, databases, and help. These are all very important tools and are all easy accesible. if you are having a hard time Ms. Smith does offer some technological support in the basement from 8am to 5pm on Mondays through Fridays. If you can not make it to the library on time, are short on time, or do not have a home computer and are a commuter you can rent a laptop for up to five days!

Usually when someone says the word "library" our minds automatically think books and research and that is not incorrect; books and research are a huge part of the library. When looking for a book (whether it is for a class or personal interest) there are four ways to narrowing the search down immediately. There are four "sections" of books in the library:periodicals, reference, circulating, and reserve. There are also copiers and scanners provide to print out just a section of a book instead of staying in the library to read the whole thing. If you are doing research and need a book or a quiet place to study there are group study rooms avaiable and my personal favorite working place is on the second floor on the big yellow couch!

Saint Leo University has really gone far to make the Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library not only useful but also an inviting and comforting environment for all its students; use it to your advantage. I dare you to find one thing in the library that isn't available or helpful to you; it's impossible. It's there for student use so make it your advantage and go to the library!

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An international student's perspectiv

By D. Kofi Awuku
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Barely three months away, on November 6, the good citizens of America will be martching to the polls to exercise their franchise in fulfillment of their constitutional obligation to elect "a people-led" government that will spearhead the affairs of government over the next four years par their constitutional demand. This will be the 57 quadrennial Presidential election where presidential electors will officially elect the president and the Vice President on December 17.

The 113 Congress shall be constituted after the election of the senators and the House of Representatives, which events both occur on the November 6.

It is therefore obvious that on Monday, November 5, the first term mandate entrusted into the hands of President Obama and his Democratic party shall come to an abrupt end whilst another opportunity is presented to him through the instrument of the American constitution to run for a second term.

The decision is clear on this. As a presumptive nominee, having secured the Maryland and District of Colombia primaries, the 2778 delegates votes is conclusive. Thus, his nomination at the Charlotte Democratic National Convention in North Carolina shall be but a pro forma. The said Convention is slated for Tuesday, September 3 to Thursday, September 6; where former president Bill Clinton on the bill board is expected to nominate President Obama as the Presidential aspirant on the ticket of the Democratic Party. Many dignitaries of the party are expected to deliver their speeches including the First Lady Michelle Obama. It is on this ground that the president's Nomination and acceptance speech shall be delivered.

Already, the Republican National Convention which was held in Tampa, Florida on Monday August 27 through August 30 has thrown a lot of challenge and criticism to the Obama-led administration and has accordingly requested the citizenry to remove his government through the power of the ballot box.

The two giants—the Republican and Democratic Parties—are noted for the seat of government, any time the pendulum swings. But with the emergence of the Green Party representative, Jill Stein and Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party nominee who has obtained adequate ballot access to win this election by a majority of the Electoral College, great political history shall be recorded should any of these two be given the nod by the presidential electors.

If the global democracy is anything to talk about, cherish, and adopt, then the American democracy presents a good example to emulate. The government of the American democracy is primarily entrusted into the hands of the citizenry, therefore, elections as a major democratic tennet is not relegated to the background neither is it considered as any ordinary event.

Over the years, possibly, post the American Revolution and the Civil War, many Americans have had confidence in their own constitution and the structures of their constitutional democratic rule vis-a-vis the two major political and philosophical ideologies that characterize the American democratic practice against the backdrop of tyranny and any other form of political philosophy that excludes the whopping majority of the populace from the administration of the national government.

November 6 is another day to test the over 200 years relative stability of the American constitution and democratic governance. Every nook and cranny across the major political divide is leaving no stone unturned in their bid to capture political power which rest in the legitimate mandate of the people through the exercise of their universal adult suffrage.

If the government is indeed of the people, for the people and by the people, then the multi dollar question to pose shall be: "What is the demand of the people of their government?' The two big "elephants"—the Democrats and the Republicans—both agree in principle that the demand of the government (the people) of their government is the survival of the human identity through a dignified lifestyle, and this must be inherent in the policy directions of the government or better still, the political party that seeks political authority.

In broader spectrum, the citizenry demand a better education for themselves and their wards, they demand good social welfare schemes that guarantee their efficient survival; they demand security and protection from a constitutionally mandated government. It is therefore not surprising that those political parties both in the US and probably elsewhere across the globe capitalize on these concerns of the people to gain political power than any other propaganda message could be accepted. Yet some few more other concerns emanate, probably, if not overwhelmingly from the citizenry in general, then of course from the opposition. Thus, "Do the people have good jobs; is their welfare systems secured par job acquisition, health care, education, security and environmental safety?"

If these are tasks to be accomplished overnight, then I am tempted to ask," Why the change of government? Why are there many more concerns over the same issues over the past years?" These are major questions that in my candid

Above: Ashot of the capital building of Ghana.
Left: A map of Ghana's location in regards to other African countries.

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opinion, I think Americans need to ponder over carefully as electorates; even as the days and time approach so swiftly for them to go to the polls.

There have been numerous accusations and counter accusations regarding the policy dimension of the President Obama-led administration; regarding the popular healthcare policy (obamacare), job security as well as accusations of financial misappropriation from the big hook of the Republican party-Mr. Romney and his comrades. If these accusations have any grounds in the opinion of the mass majority, then we ask, what would be it impact on the election results or otherwise, if they are mere propaganda techniques and faulty logic, then how does the seating government juxtaposes these political techniques of political demagogues to their advantage?

Should the over concentration on winning elections be the prime focus of any political party in our current democratic dispensation? From my perspective as an International student, much emphasis needs to be placed on a democratic election as a major "decider" of a constitutionally mandated government but absolute concentration ought to be on resolving the cry and wailing of the mass majority of the people. This attention, to the best of my opinion has not been accorded the people in many democracies across the length and breadth of the globe especially, in African democracies. There are millions of people under democratic governance especially in Africa who are still languishing in abject penury after they have given the mandate to the political enclave to manage, develop, distribute and control the national resources.

The high echelons in governments in many African democracies, have succeeded in enriching their lives and that of their close sympathizers and families than they have done for the "ordinary man on the street" and this is a very sad and serious phenomenon that calls for global attention and intervention particularly from democratically constituted countries in the advanced economies including the US.

It's remarkable to mention here that on December 7, the electorates in Ghana shall also be going to the polls to elect a new government that will steer the affairs of government for another four-year term and a new crop of Parliamentarians who will judiciously administer the administration of the legislative arm of government. Following the sudden death of HE Prof. John Evans Atta Mills the former seating president of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) – led government, the Vice President, HE John Dramani Mahama was sworn in to accomplish the remaining part of the four- year (one term) mandate of the late former president in question as demanded by the constitution. He has since received a unanimous endorsement from his party (the NDC) to contest on their ticket in the upcoming elections against his opponents from the other side of the major political divide. If he wins, he shall be entitled to another four - year term after his first term.

What is particularly interesting to learn hear is that, Ghana and America share common interest in various endeavors. The Ghanaian political nucleus is designed around the primary democratic structures of the United States of America. Ghana is therefore, taking inspiration from the American system of governance with no exception to the impending election, and from my view point, it is not a mere coincidence that Ghana shall be going to the polls immediately after the US elections. This phenomenon has influenced and informed the relatively peaceful political climate witnessed by Ghana over the last decade or more compared to other democratic states on the African Continent.

Much as we appreciate dissent, as an essential component of participatory democracy, we do resent politics of insult. Despite the loud applause Ghana's democracy receives from the international community, the latter has in recent times reared its ugly head in the body politics of Ghana. The game of politics undoubtedly carries its own euphoria and antagonism but we wish to admonish our leaders in these two countries in perspective (Ghana and the US), to particularly, ensure sanity and decorum on their campaign platforms before, during and after the elections. We must stick to issues and be more pragmatic and proactive to cast down the burdens hanging around the neck of humanity.

The electorates are equally encouraged to vote on issues and policy directions rather than on mere propaganda games which have entrenched their tentacles in our body politics to spell their doom. Truly, a government of the people must address the concerns of the people either than that; it ceases to be democratic but something else indescribable.

America expects a sound policy-bound government in the White House; Ghana deserves a sound policy-bound government in the castle.

A shot of the United States capital building in Washington, D.C.

Apartment 5: The New Face of Residence Life

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

The buzz has been all around campus for the past year. Ken Posner, Associate Vice President of Student Services and Frank Mezzanini, Chief Financial Officer of Saint Leo University, unveiled plans for two new dorm halls to alleviate the growing population of our student body.

They were to be called Apartment 5 and 6. Apartment 6 would open in the spring of 2013 and Apartment 5 was to open this upcoming fall semester. Apartment 5 was to include resort style amenities such as a new game room, four relaxation pods, a fitness center, a café, a lounge and a multimedia room.

These new apartments sounded like they were going to become one of the best places to hang out on campus and living there would be just as great. The apartments are intriguing, offering sophomores and juniors an appealing place to live. The amenities are suprising, even for a campus as nice as Saint Leo University.

The first thing that strikes the eye is the giant game room and lounge within the first floor of apartment 5. The game room has gotten a lot of attention in the first few days of its opening.Many students were enjoying pinball, dome hockey and two pool tables. Many of the freshman students have taken a liking to the new game room.

Freshmen Larry Murphy and Nicolas Jablonsky both agree that the pool tables are "very nice and the game room itself has niceequipment." Jablonsky even said he "preferred this room to Benoit's lounge." Many students agree that the quality of the game room is better than most lounges in the other residence halls.

Unsurprisingly, the relaxation pods received mixed reviews. A lot of students felt that it was hard to relax in these space looking type pods but others found them quite relaxing. Some students soon realized that this quiet room on campus may not be for everyone, but for some, it is a relaxing oasis.

The other big thing in the lounge is the huge fish tank that has tons of fish and stingrays swimming around. When asked about the fish tank and the lounge Associate Vice President of Student Services Ken Posner said: "The fish tank came out very nice. We wanted a lounge areafor both residential and commuter students to come together and to strengthen our core value of Community. We wanted a place for people to hang out."

The living arrangements are spacious and have an added bonus of a 46 inch flat screen televisionin each common room of the new apartments. But not all students think the television is thebest quality. Junior Ravin Forde felt that the TV was: "nice for television and movies, but it lags when it comes to video games."

When asked what he did like about the new halls, Forde responded: "It is very roomy in the bedroom area and it is a very nice looking building." Another complaint of residents is the heat and the lack of cellular service. Junior Wendy Howard has stated that the main problem with the new residence hall is that "calls are always droppedand that I have to go outside to take a call."

There is also a major problem with the central airconditioning; in rooms, it does not always work and Plant Operations, as of this issue, is working on the problem. The new residence halls do have one or two minor issues like most residence halls do. This residence hall does help the core value of Community: it has more of a presence on-campus. A nice lounge, a splendid game room and spacious rooming makes this new building the talk of the campus and a hot spot for living. Apartment 6 should be opening this upcoming fall semester and many students will be signing up to live there as well.

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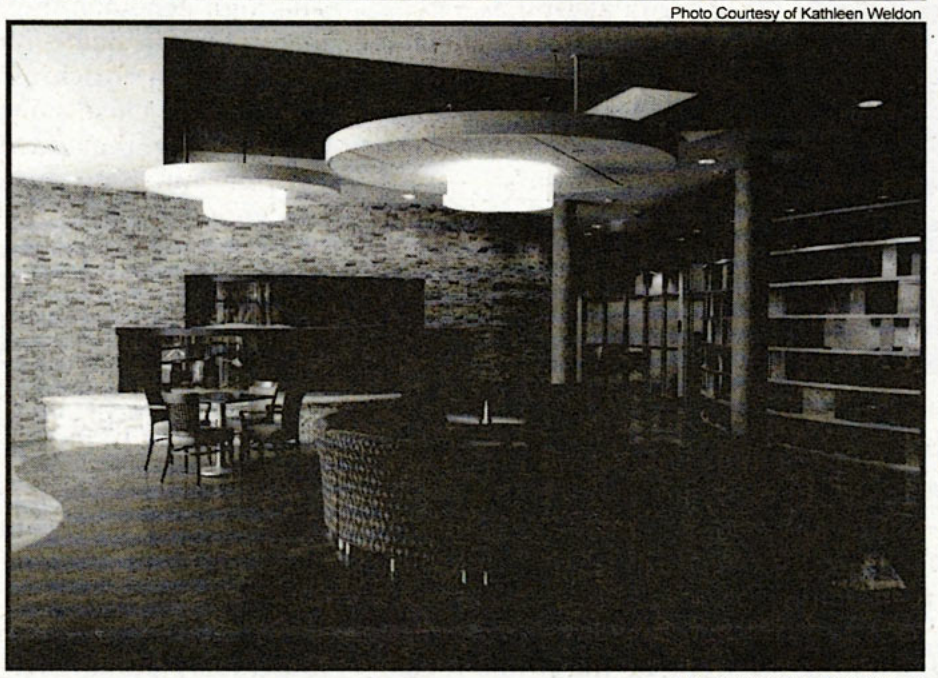

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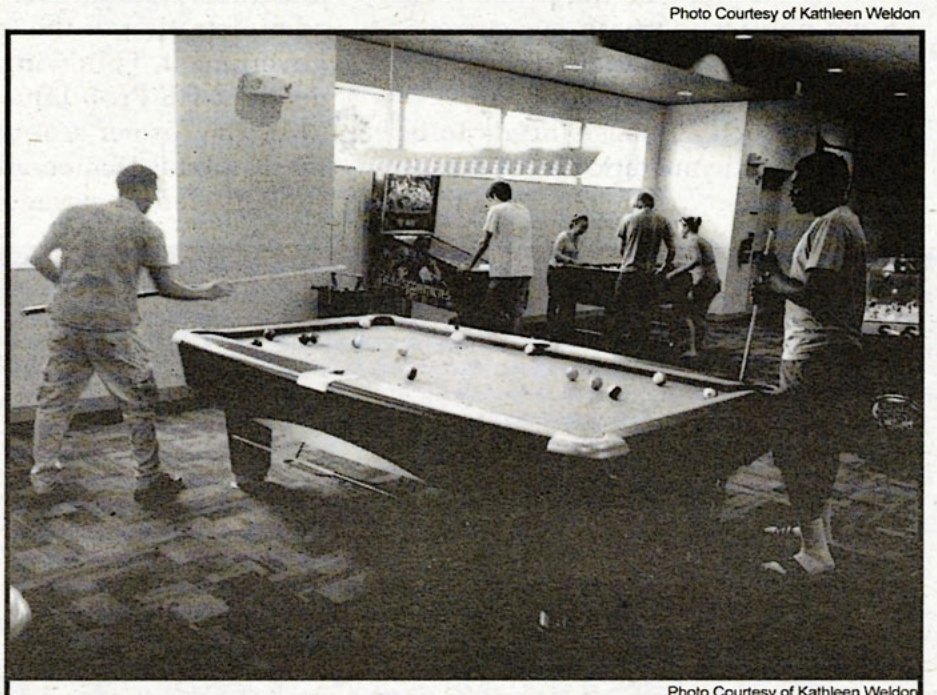

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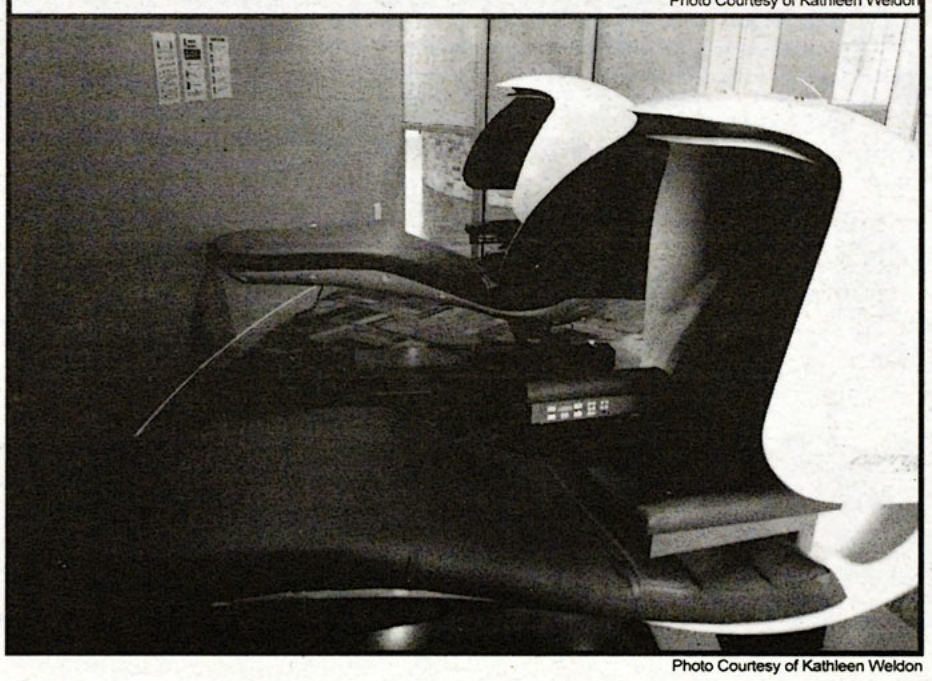

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Welcoming a familiar face

By Nick Davis
Contributing Writer

Along with a new semester already underway Saint Leo University students have new classes, new experiences, and of course new professors. Among the many staff members returning to Saint Leo and staff that have recently made this university home, there is a familiar name that will be taking a new position on campus. Dr. David Persky, former assistant of

President Dr. Arthur Kirk, has decided to direct his efforts to teaching.

"I was working as an attorney in Hillsborough County and I was notified of a vacancy in

the School of Continuing Education at Saint Leo," said Dr. Persky. "I came up and interviewed in June of 1999 and two weeks later I was offered a position here."

Before studying law at Stetson University, Dr. Persky had worked several positions at University of South Florida. Unsatisfied with the practice of law, he happily welcomed the opportunity to return to an academic atmosphere. Dr. Persky went on to explain how welcoming

Saint Leo has been since he began working, as well as how enjoyable his experience has been thus far. After serving as Dean of Continuing Education, in 2005 Dr. Persky moved to Dr. Kirk's office to work as an assistant. His experience was fruitful and he appreciated his time assisting Dr. Kirk. When asked why he decided to give up his assistant position to begin teaching, Dr. Persky explained that he'd always enjoyed the collegiate environment and in his earlier years on university campuses decided to always find work in such a setting. Soon after the opportunity of becoming Chair of the Criminal Justice Department was presented to him by Dean Carol Walker he joined the criminal justice teaching department. Dr. Persky considers his colleagues well learned and exceptional teachers.

"I am very fortunate to work in this department".

Previously, Dr. Persky had taught Business Law, Sports Law, as well as Higher Education at Saint Leo. He also taught Business Law at Hillsborough Community College for some time. Dr. Persky has a BS in Social Science, an MS in Personal Counseling, a Ph.D, and a

JD earned at Stetson College of Law. Clearly he is a man of wisdom and fortunately for us, he is

willing to share some of what he has learned.

"I want my students to enjoy the classes they take with me and learn about law and the

legal system in an interactive learning environment where we all share and learn from each other."

Dr. Persky is a very prepared professor and Saint Leo couldn't be more proud to welcome him as a professor in the criminal justice department.

Recycling is no joke!

By Cheyenne Johnson
Contributing Writer

Recycling can save environmental conditions and help decrease pollution. This is why Saint Leo University takes recycling very seriously.

First one should understand how recycling can have a positive effect on our environment.When some people think about recycling they think it is disgusting because it is basically taking old, used materials and making new products out of them.

What people do not understand is that this helps save our natural resources, which helps maintain a balance in nature. Recycling also helps in saving money. Instead of having to produce freshly made material, they clean and remanufacture the recycled goods.

Saint Leo makes recycling very easy. There are recycling bins located all around the school. For example in the Donald R. Tapia School of Business building there are recycling bins located right next to the staircase that are marked with where each recyclable material should go.

It is very self-explanatory. There are also recycling garbage cans outside of the Cafeteria as well as outside of the Learning Resource Center. Not to mention the recycling that is subtle: if anyone has noticed the water fountains on campus have a spot where you can refill your water bottle. This helps not use so much plastic, which is beneficial for the environment.

According to Frank Mezzanini, Saint Leo actually pays Waste Management to accept the schools recycling materials. He also stated that "Last year we collected 17 tons of plastic, glass, and aluminum and 38 tons of mixed paper and cardboard."

Though when one looks at it from a student's perspective, recycling is not that big of an

issue for some. According to Junior Danny Lupo, "When I am at home I do recycle, but when I am in college there isn't any recycling bins so I don't recycle." He also stated that he feels other students do not think recycling is important because they don't see the negative effects it has on our environment. This goes to show that students are not educated enough in how recycling is of such importance. It also shows that Saint Leo needs to find a way to promote recycling and allow students to know where they can recycle around campus.

Florida is very lenient when it comes to recycling. Junior Patrick Puzzo made a point in saying "I don't recycle unless I'm home where it may be required in the state of New Jersey."

He also states that he believes "Only 2% of Saint Leo students probably recycle, but half the time people just through plastic and bottles on the ground." In his last comment he says "Recycling isn't very popular." Now if Florida had strict recycling laws such as New Jersey does, maybe our environment here would be a little cleaner.

If Saint Leo raises recycling awareness, this year we will be able to recycle more than just 17 tons of plastic, glass, and aluminum, 38 tons of mixed paper and cardboard. It will be an accomplishment if all the students around Saint Leo start to recycle more often.

How to save on a college budget

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

We have all been there before. We all have been in the noodle section of Wal-Mart trying to stretch those last few dollars on as much as Ramen as possible. There is a way to combat the college budget. Here are five easy tips to make your dollar go further and to start making a better budget for just about anything and everything.

Couponing – It is quite simple to coupon. Just clip the coupons you see in your Sunday paper on items you want to purchase. It is that easy. Coupons are now available on-line, through smartphone apps and in the Sunday paper. You can also order coupon inserts from the paper online to be delivered to your door. There is no need to extreme coupon to save money like people do on the show of the same name; just coupon for the major items you need. Most stores accept coupons. Also, try to match coupons and weekly deals that each supermarket offers for the best savings.

Make a Budget – When you get your paycheck each week from your job, break it down into what you need to pay for. Be sure to cover your basic needs first before going for any luxury items. Basics include food, clothing, bills, rent (if applicable to your living situation), etc. Then you can spend a portion on entertainment. But before that, a great tip is to bank (or save) 20% of your paycheck every week into a savings account for emergencies only.

Take Advantage of Free (and Almost Free) Events – Looking for something to do on a Saturday night? Take advantage of doing free (or almost free) events. CAB always has a fun event going on around campus, including the $5.00 trips to major theme parks and sporting events. And don't forget the free on-campus events held weekly by clubs and organizations.Most of them have free food and it is a great way to have fun and meet new people. Don't forget the Athletic events! With your Saint Leo ID, you get in for free at all home events. Grab some friends and cheer on your Lions!

A Night At Home – Clubbing and going out can be very expensive. Why not have a night at your place and have friends over? Whenever I am free on a Saturday night, I would much rather go with some friends and play a few video games or watch a movie, make food (or even order Domino's) and just have some fun. If you do decide to splurge, order at an inexpensive restaurant or make dinner at your place.

Seek Employment– If you are truly struggling with paying bills and/or making ends meet, looking for part-time work is always beneficial. Finding jobs on-campus and off-campus have never been easier. Check out the employment page at Saint Leo University's website for more details. Most jobs do hire non-work study students but spots fill up quickly in some areas, so act fast and good luck on the hunt!

With these five tips, your budget should start to take shape and money problems should

become a thing of the past. There is no problem is splurging once in a while, but saving money and making smart money decisions will help in your money problems way beyond your college

years.

Sports

Lions go 4-0 in weekend tournament

By Taylor McGillis
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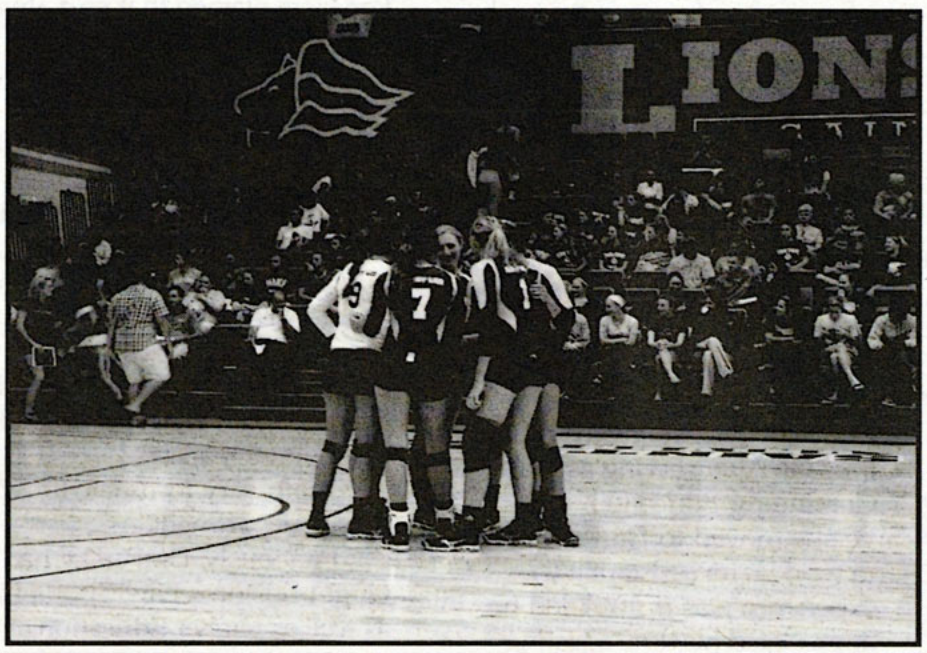
The Saint Leo volleyball team (4-0) got off to a hot start to the season this past weekend, going 4-0 in the Saint Leo Lions Classic. The Lions took down the University of Charleston in the first match of the season on Friday, Aug. 31, by a score of 3-0. They followed that up with a 3-1 victory against Southwest Baptist during the nightcap of the double header.

Saturday was much of the same for the Lions squad, as they cruised to two afternoon victories, beating Montevallo 3-0 and Queens (N.C.) by a score of 3-1.

In the first match of the season on Friday, the Lions came out on all cylinders, crushing the Golden Eagles in three straight games with scores of 25-13, 25-17, and 25-15. Sami Vierk led the Lions with eight kills and a kill percentage of.400.

Coming off that first game victory, the Lions rolled out against Southwest Baptist a little sloppy, digging themselves a hole early on. The Bearcats took advantage of that hot start and took the first set of the match by a score of 25-17. However, the Lions responded quite well. That first set would end up being the only set they lost all day, as they quickly got themselves back on track after winning the second set 25-20, the third set 25-21, and the final set 25-21. It was once again newcomer Vierk who led the Lions, this time going 13-21 on kills.

"I thought the day was good", Saint Leo volleyball head coach Sam Cibrone said. "I thought we started off slow in the second match but we calmed down and we played with a little poise which was great to see."



Team huddles after a point during the Saint Leo Lions Classic. Photo by Taylor McGillis

Lions go undefeated in opening weekend tournament. Photo by Taylor McGillis

On the second day of the Saint Leo Lions Classic it was much of the same. The Lions won the first set of the match against Montevallo 25-23, but that was the only real threat from the Falcons during the entirety of the match. Sets two and three were once again dominated by the Lions, as they cruised to the three-set sweep with wins of 25-16 and 25-20. Tawni Warren and Meghan Donovan were the stars of this match, collecting a combined 24 kills between the two of them.

The fourth and final game of the Saint Leo Lions Classic was against the Queens (N.C.) University Royals, who were 1-2 in their first three games of the tournament. Looking to turn those struggles around, the Royals jumped out to an early 1-0 set lead after a thrilling 25-23 win against the Lions. Cibrone's squad quickly regained their focus, though, tying the match at one set apiece after a convincing 25-18 win. At this point the Lions really began to become in sync with each other, setting up kills for what seemed like every point. The Lions breezed through sets three and four, as well, by scores of 25-16 and 25-15. The Lions had three players with over 10 kills for the match much due to the 36 assists from Abby Lovell. Molly Alexander led all Lions with 18 digs for the night.

"I'm very happy with the girls," Cibrone said after the double header of matches. "The first game we didn't start out strong and kind of underestimated our opponents but I think we stepped up. You're going to have that at the beginning of the season. You've got to realize that it's a process and I think we're getting better every game. We really started blocking and got a lot of substitutions. The kids came in and did their job. We showed a little bit of depth.

"I'm excited, 4-0 is where we thought we would be and now we've got to push forward for a tough next weekend."

The Lions will play in a similar-type tournament again this weekend on the road, playing double headers on both Friday and Saturday.

Lions soccer teams begin seasons undefeated

By Chad Wise
Sports Editor

The Saint Leo University Lions men's and women's soccer teams opened their respective seasons last week with three wins, collectively, on University Field. Each squad defeated Warner University 3-0 on Thursday, Aug. 30, before the men continued the Lions' streak with a 1-0 victory on Saturday, Sep. 1, against the University of West Florida, also at home.

The men kicked off the proceedings with a late afternoon start time against Warner on Thursday, and the team was raring to go after summer vacation, with 10 shots in the first half alone.

Freshman Josh Davis opened the scoring for the Lions at the half hour mark of the first half off of a broken play set up by sophomore Bruno Da Silva. Davis, at the edge of the six-yard box, found the ball at his feet and placed a shot into the back of the net for the important lead.

The Saint Leo back line and freshman goalkeeper Manuel Schoenhuber allowed just six shots in the clean sheet victory, a testament to head coach Keith Fulk's stress on defence in training.

Davis rounded out the scoring in his hat trick performance with two goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half, and the Lions outshot the Royals 24-6.

The win was followed by the women's soccer team's own 3-0 victory against Warner. Senior Lise Nisja finished a penalty kick after just two minutes and the Lions outlasted a weather delay to begin the season on the front foot.

The Lions controlled possession throughout the game, before and after the delay. Sophomore Ari Foreman nutmegged the Royals 'keeper soon after the first goal for a 2-0 lead after getting in behind the visitors' back line. Foreman managed to get a few more breakaways throughout the game, as well.

Five minutes after the restart from the weather delay, Shanelle Williams received the ball from Jemma White and scored the Lions' final goal of the match. Saint Leo outshot Warner 17-1.

On Saturday, Sep. 1, the men's soccer team defended University Field once again, in another clean sheet performance. In 16 games in 2011, the Lions kept their opponents of the scoresheet just four times. So far in 2012, they are halfway to that total after two games.

The Lions started well again in their second game in three days, totalling six shots in the first eight minutes. It was not until late in the half, however, that the game-winning goal was scored.

Senior Daniel Valdez made a brilliant run into the box and set up Frank Bayabanen with a volley that the junior finished into the back of the net for the match's only goal. The second half was well-contested by both teams, but the Lions came out on top for their second-consecutive win.

The Saint Leo women's soccer team travels to Georgia for the Bobcat Shootout with games against Tusculum on Friday, Sep. 7, and Georgia College on Sunday, Sep. 9. The women will then travel to Lynn on Wednesday, Sep. 12, as does the men's team.